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RAJYA SABHA

Sl. No.	Location	Rly	Sl. No.	Location	Rly
79	Kodaikanal Road	S.R.	90	Indore	W.R.
80	Quilon	S.R.	91	Vapi	W.R.
81	Belgaum	S.W.R.	92	Veraval	W.R.
82	Bangalore	S.W.R.	93	Rajkot	W.R.
83	Madgaon	S.W.R.	94	Mumbai Central	W.R.
84	Mysore	S.W.R.	95	Ahmedabad	W.R.
85	Goa/Vasco-da-gama	S.W.R.	96	Vadodara	W.R.
86	Khajuraho	W.C.R.	97	Dwarka/Okha	W.R.
87	Kota	W.C.R.	98	Surat	W.R.
88	Jabalpur	W.C.R.	99	Bombay Bandra	W.R.
89	Habibganj/Bhopal	W.C.R.	100	Ujjain	W.R.

Making Alloy Steel Plant viable

*437. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after completion of expansion programme of Salem Steel Plant, Alloy Steel Plant (ASP) at Durgapur will face a problem to sell its stainless steel slabs in the market;

(b) if so, what is the long term plan to install finishing facilities to process its semi-finished product of slabs into finished products like plates and sheets; and

(c) if not, what are the alternative plans and investment proposals to make ASP viable?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) No, Sir. The entire proposed production of stainless steel slab of Alloy Steel Plant (ASP) is planned to be used by Salem Steel Plant (SSP) after the completion of expansion programme of SSP.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Corporate Plan 2010 of SAIL envisages an investment of Rs. 460 crores for modernization and expansion of ASP. The feasibility report for the modernization and expansion plan is under preparation.

Quality control of bottled water

†*438. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in the country producing and selling mineral water, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have appointed any regulator to control quality of bottled water;

(c) if so, whether any complaints have been received about bottling and selling of contaminated water by these companies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMDOSS): (a) to (d) The standards of packaged drinking water and mineral water have been prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. To regulate the quality control of these products, there is a mandatory provision that no person shall manufacture, sell or exhibit for sale packaged drinking water and/or mineral water except under BIS certification. BIS receives the applications for obtaining ISI Certification mark from the companies manufacturing and selling packaged drinking water and/or mineral water and monitors the quality of mineral water and packaged drinking water. The details of the companies manufacturing and selling mineral water, as obtained from Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), is at Statement-I. (see below)

The implementation of the PFA Act, 1954 and Rules, 1955 is carried out by the State/UT Governments, who take action in case of any violation of the PFA Rules. They have been advised to ensure regular sampling and testing of mineral water to ensure that quality standards are maintained. The details of action taken on complaints received by BIS is at Statement-II.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.